

Virtual Wards

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

- 1) What is your Trust's current average length of time between being deemed medically fit for discharge and discharge occurring for patients aged 65 and over?

7.2 days – the average length of time for patients aged 65 and over between being identified as medically fit for discharge on pathways 1-3 and being discharged on 14/6/22 and 15/6/22.

- 2) What assessment, if any, have you made of the cost savings of utilising tech-enabled virtual wards for frailty?

The Trust has not made any assessments at specialty level.

- 3) Who is the clinical lead for your frailty virtual ward?

The Trust does not currently have a virtual Frailty ward as part of its acute service.

- 4) Does your Trust expect to recruit additional roles to support the delivery of tech-enabled virtual wards within the next 12 months? If so, what are they?

The Trust does expect to recruit additional roles to support the delivery of tech-enabled virtual wards within the next 12 months. These roles will be predominantly registered nurses and advanced care practitioners.

- 5) How do you plan to integrate with social care and local authorities for the delivery of frailty virtual wards?

The Trust has no plans at present to integrate with social care and local authorities for the delivery of frailty virtual wards.

- 6) Has your Trust published its plans for the rollout of tech-enabled virtual wards? Does this include plans for frailty?

The Trust has not published its plans for the rollout.

- 7) Has your Trust identified a tech provider/ supplier for the delivery of a frailty virtual ward? If so, who?

The Trust has not identified a tech provider/supplier for the delivery of a frailty virtual ward.

- 8) Do you have phased targets between now (May 2022) and December 2023 to ensure you reach the national ambition of 40-50 per 100,000? If so, what are they?

The Trust does not have phased targets between now and December 2023 to ensure that the national ambition of 40-50 per 100,00 is reached.